



Mercy Center

The mission of Mercy Center is to provide permanent and safe housing with a nurturing, supportive environment where homeless persons with HIV/AIDS can improve overall health, increase self-sufficiency, and create stable, long-term living situations.

Fourteen people are housed at Mercy Center in individual bedrooms. The primary reasons for homelessness among this population are:

- intermittent illness
- substance abuse
- mental health issues

Therefore, these are the primary issues we address. The program is based on Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs, providing safety, housing, food, and community. The supportive services provided at Mercy Center allow residents to focus on higher needs:

- Contract Substance Abuse Counselor
- Contract Mental Health Counselor
- Extensive Case Management
- Transportation

Mercy Center is funded by HUD SHP Continuum of Care, HOPWA (Housing Opportunities for People With AIDS), and resident rental income.

Mercy Center takes referrals from any source, but most referrals are sent from Philadelphia Center case managers. We have a three part interview process, which begins with the Program Director. For more information, please contact Christa Pazzaglia at 221-8219 or 208-7445.